

ASSEMBLY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

February 12, 2018 6:00 PM
Assembly Chambers

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Maria Gladziszewski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

HRC Members present: Rob Edwardson, Maria Gladziszewski, Norton Gregory, Jesse Kiehl.

Other Assemblymembers present: Loren Jones, Beth Weldon.

Staff present: Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as presented.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 8, 2018 Minutes Regular Human Resources Committee Meeting

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular HRC meeting were approved as presented.

B. January 30, 2018 Minutes Full Assembly as HRC Special Meeting

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the January 30, 2018 HRC Full Assembly as HRC Special meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

(Not to exceed a total of 10 minutes nor more than 2 minutes for any individual).

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Board Matters

1. Appointment of Art Selection Panel for Downtown Banners

MOTION, by Gregory, to approve the formation of the Downtown Street Banner Art Selection Committee and approve the slate of appointees, including: Dana Gunderson, Downtown Business Association; John Fox, Historic Resources Advisory Committee; Donald Gregory, Sealaska Heritage Institute; Rachael Juzeler and Nimmy Philips, Juneau Arts and Humanities Council; Chip Verrelli, Public member, and Christianne Carrillo, Filipino Community. Hearing no objection, it was

so ordered.

2. Juneau Affordable Housing Commission - Annual Report and Appointments

Kathleen Strasbaugh, Chair of the Affordable Housing Commission, said the overall goals are to implement the Housing Action Plan, to continue ongoing programs, and to focus on developing workforce housing - using the land trust model to get housing developed. In this way, we are hoping to get more single family housing built.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked how the Affordable Housing Commission is working. Ms. Strasbaugh said there can be vigorous disagreements about how the programs should be developed, but these issues need airing in the community and the Commission provides such an opportunity.

Mr. Kiehl said that the Community Development Department is renewing work on the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Strasbaugh said she was not aware of that and she can let the board know and see if it wishes to renew or alter its previous comments on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Kiehl said the commission's review can be broad. Ms. Strasbaugh said the commission has always supported increased density and supports the periodic review of the processing of housing development applications to facilitate efficiencies.

Mr. Gregory asked if the commission has an opinion on tiny houses. Ms. Strasbaugh said they have looked at this and there are significant issues regarding code requirements for these types of developments. The commission hasn't discussed this recently and if the Assembly so directs, it can be investigated. Mr. Gregory said Petersburg is addressing this and he gets questions from the public periodically. Ms. Strasbaugh said her experience is that tiny homes end up in RV parks and have been used in some communities to assist with the homeless problem.

Ms. Gladziszewski said the commission was initially set up as a temporary committee and the housing action plan is adopted. She asked Ms. Strasbaugh to have a discussion with the commission on the need and efficacy of the commission.

MOTION by Kiehl, to recommend to the Assembly the reappointment of Wayne Coogan, Russ McDougel and Tamara Rowcroft for terms to expire 1/31/2021.
Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

3. Juneau Commission on Sustainability - Appointment

MOTION, by Edwardson, to recommend to the Assembly the appointment of Gretchen Keiser to a vacant term on the Juneau Commission on Sustainability, for the next six months and an additional term with an ending date of June 30, 2021.
Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

4. Juneau Public Libraries Endowment Board - Annual Report

Robert Barr, Library Director and Chair of the Endowment Board, said the Board was started in 1992 to manage a generous endowment from a private donor. \$300,000 from the earnings account was tapped to contribute to the Valley Library project, however, at

that time, there was not \$300,000 in the earnings account, so there was some dipping into principle, with the intent that future earnings were to replenish and inflation proof the funds. There are two resolutions taken by the board in the packet to move money from earnings into principle to do the work promised in 2014. The endowment fund accumulated enough earnings to be able to replace the principle. At the first meeting in 2017, there was an accounting error, and so a second resolution completed the replenishment, thus the need for two resolutions. There was a change in investments in FY15. Before then, the endowment and other CBJ investments were strictly in bonds. Then the Finance Department created a long term portfolio with the arboretum, library endowment and some other CBJ funds, and due to the performance of the funds, including stocks, the earnings grew. Rebalancing and allocation considerations are at the discretion of the Finance Department.

Mr. Kiehl asked if the principle was entirely reimbursed, will the inflation proofing amounts be realized? Mr. Barr said yes.

Ms. Gladyszewski asked who made the investment decisions. Mr. Barr said they were made by staff in the Finance Department. He said the library endowment board and the arboretum board are investigating the Juneau Community Foundation investments to see how the returns compare.

Ms. Gladyszewski thanked Mr. Barr for the report.

5. Youth Activities Board - Proposed Resolution 2820 re: Membership Change

Tom Rutecki, Chair of the Youth Activities Board, said there has been difficulty getting a quorum and part of that is because the two organizations, arts and the sports associations, were not sending members. The arts council has provided a member, but the Juneau Sports Association has asked to turn their seat into a public seat as they have not been able to recruit a member to attend. It makes a better process if we have all nine members and we would like to get another member by March. He said that over 10,000 children in Juneau get some benefit from this program in order to participate in sports and activities.

Mr. Kiehl said it might be worth considering having a designated education seat. Ms. Gladyszewski said her experience is that there are always people interested in sports on that group and was fine with the proposed resolution.

MOTION, by Gregory to recommend to the Assembly the passage of Resolution 2820. Hearing no objection, so approved.

B. Other Business

None.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

None.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk